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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. SUMMARY. LEADING KARACHI NEWSPAPER DAWN HAS PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON THE ECONOMIC SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING KISSINGER VISIT. ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED OCTOBER 18 DATELINED ISLAMABAD ALLEGES THAT ECONOMIC TALKS WILL FOCUS ON WAYS OF ACCELERATING US INVESTMENT, INCREASING PAKISTANI EXPORTS, AND ALSO THAT KISSINGER VISIT MAY LEAD TO CREATION OF A JOINT US-PAKISTAN COMMISSION. EMBASSY BELIEVES ABOVE SUBJECTS REPRESENT PURE SPECULATION BY DAWN AND WAS NOT PROMPTED BY ANY GOP INTEREST IN RAISING THESE ISSUES. WE DO NOT ON OUR PART BELIEVE THAT ANY WORTHWHILE PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED IN PUTTING THEM ON THE AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT.

"KISSINGER ALSO TO HOLD TALKS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, ISLAMABAD,  
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OCTOBER 17:

" THE PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO PAKISTAN BY US SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, THOUGH IT WILL BE DOMINATED BY CONSULTATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER Z. A. BHUTTO ON MATTERS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL IMPORT, WILL NEVERTHELESS BE MARKED WITH CANDID APPRAISAL OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND ON WAYS OF ACCELERATING THE FLOW OF US INVESTMENT INTO PAKISTAN.

"IN THE SPECIALIZED STUDY, DR. KISSINGER WILL BE ASSISTED BY SOME OF ECONOMIC AIDES INCLUDED IN THE HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THE AMERICAN DIGNITARY DURING HIS TRIP TO PAKISTAN, INDIA AND BANGLADESH. AS TALKS PROCEED ON POLITICAL ISSUES BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND MR. BHUTTO, ECONOMIC EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES WILL BE BUSY IDENTIFYING THE AREAS WHERE AMERICAN CAPITAL COULD FRUITFULLY FLOW INTO PAKISTAN ECONOMY AND ALSO WHERE PAKISTAN COULD STEP UP ITS VOLUME OF EXPORTS TO US.

" IT IS YET NOT KNOWN WHETHER A PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP A PAKISTAN-AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION WILL BE MOOTED DURING DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT US COULD COLLABORATE MORE MEANINGFULLY WITH PAKISTAN IN ESTABLISHED EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIES AND THAT PAKISTAN MEANWHILE WILL CONCENTRATE ON PRODUCING LABOUR INTENSIVE ITEMS WHICH COULD BE RE-EXPORTED TO US AND TO THIRD COUNTRIES." END TEXT.

3. COMMENT. WE DOUBT GOP WILL PLAN TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF US INVESTMENT AND ALSO DO NOT SEE ANY ESPECIALLY USEFUL PURPOSE TO BE SERVED BY THE SECRETARY ADDING THIS TO HIS AGENDA. HOWEVER, WHEN DAWN ARTICLE APPEARED, THE ESSO FERTILIZER MANAGER IN KARACHI, ALFRED CONNELLEE, CALLED CONGEN KARACHI TO STATE THAT IF ARTICLE IS CORRECT, HE WISHED TO FLY TO ISLAMABAD TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT TO HIGH US OFFICIALS. THEREFORE, SHOULD SECRETARY PLAN TO RAISE THIS ISSUE, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

4. WE ALSO DO NOT SEE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE TO BE GAINED BY ESTABLISHING A PAK-AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION AND ASSUME SECRETARY DOES NOT PLAN TO PROPOSE THIS.

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5. OUR OWN ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE DAWN ARTICLE LARGELY REPRESENTS SPECULATION BY THE NEWSPAPER'S ISLAMABAD BUREAU.  
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